

requires that the ZDDP component have at least one ZDDP compound that contains a primary alkyl group. Applicants believe that the description of the ZDDP component as amended is consistent with Specification (see the paragraph bridging pages 6 and 7) and the Examples but is now in better form.

Applicants deem the amendment to paragraph (c) of the claims also overcomes any ambiguity.

Concerning the proportion of component (a), (b) and (c), these are specified by the paragraphs following paragraph (c).

In view of the foregoing applicants deem all the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112 are met.

Applicants have disclosed that a unique and specific combination of ingredients are required to obtain a lube that is capable of retaining friction reducing properties under condition of use. For example, a particular alkyl group must be present on the ZDDP component. This is evident from a comparison of Examples 1 to 6 and 10 to 15 with Comparative Examples 1 and 3. No such disclosure or suggestion is made by any of the references cited by the Examiner with respect to her rejection of claims 1 to 5 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

In view of the foregoing comments and amendments, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw her rejection and pass the case to issue.

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